IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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) PATENT Lyons et al. plicant:) Attorney Docket Serial No.: 10/732,862 ICC-136.0 (9720/88881) December 10, 2003 Filed: Group Art Unit: STABILIZED IMMUNOGENIC HBc For: 1648 CHIMER PARTICLES Michael M. McGaw Examiner:

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

A two-month extension of time in response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2004, is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith the following:

- 1. Reply and Amendment;
- 2. Form PTO 1449;
- 3. Exhibits 1-5; and
- 4. Check No. 093551 in the amount of \$225.00 for the two-month extension of time (a response to the Office Action was due March 17, 2005).

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No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary in addition to those that are enclosed. Should any fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time and its fee, Reply and Amendment and its stated enclosures, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 16, 2005.

Edward P. Gamson